1	2	3	4	5
			BSNL	1261
			Reliance Infocomm	119193
			Tata Teleservices	6623
				664149
21.	Assam	Reliance		99118
		BSNL		151487
			BSNL	6750
				257355
22.	NE	Reliance		23360
		BSNL		86905
			BSNL	51
				110316
23.	J&K	BSNL		149259
		Bharti		83313
			BSNL	3425
				235997
				51464501
	Less BSNL GSM		**8846882**	
	Less MTNL GSM		**784059**	
	Less BSNL CDMA		**440736**	
	Less MTNL CDMA		**191935**	**10263612**
Total Subscriber Base of Private Operators				**41200889**

SOURCE:—*Sub Base given by Operators*

Misuse and malpractices in I.T. sector

3753. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the major categories of misuse and malpractice that are predominantly prevailing in the Information Technology Sector leading to substantial loss of revenue to Government;

(b) the number of such cases that have been detected in the last three years and outcome thereof;

(c) the major measures and devices envisaged and implemented to arrest such misuse and malpractice; and

(d) the steps Government would take to eliminate this malody once and for all within a short span of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Information Technology Sector is not causing any new types of categories of misuse and malpractices *per se*. However, this technology like others is also vulnerable to be used as tool for such misuse and malpractices that can be committed through other means as well.

(b) Two cases of using Information Technology for certain unlawful activities have come to our notice but the same are under examination by the judiciary in India and final status is not known yet.

(c) and (d) An Expert Committee has been set up to review the Information Technology Act, 2000 in the light of the recent developments nationally and internationally and propose appropriate amendments. Its work is going on.

Necessary actions as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee would be taken on priority.

Setting up of rural telephony

3754. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed for Universal Service Obligation Fund during the financial year 2003-04;

(b) the number of villages where telephone facility has been provided during the above period by agencies to which these funds were disbursed; and

(c) the target fixed for current financial year and average amount spent per village for setting up of rural telephony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The